Name of the SSA	No. of SIM cards issued
Nagercoil	25275
Pondicherry	36024
Salem	74468
Thanjavur	31948
Trichy	84949
Tuticorin	19499
Tirunelveli	31600
Virudhunagar	21832
Vellore	57447
Chennai Telecom District	313855
TOTAL	1105552

Note: SIM cards were distributed in last one year in 18 Telecom Districts (SSA) covering all the 30 Revenue Districts in Tamil Nadu Circle.

Cash payment of uniform to Group 'C' and 'D' Employees

†1149. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M.T.N.L., Delhi and Mumbai have not paid cash amount for the uniform to be provided to their Group 'C' and 'D' workers for the year 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(c) by when Government would pay cash payment for the uniform to their Group 'C' and 'D' employees due for the past years and for the present year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In MTNL, Mumbai, the tender for procurement of uniforms for Group 'C' and 'D' staff for the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 is under process. In MTNL, Delhi, the matter has been referred to Joint Negotiation Committee.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.